

Appln No. 10/760,254
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated May 8, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to highlight the distinctions between the invention and the cited prior art. The claim now defines some of the structural features that are inherent to cartridges, and in particular, a printer cartridge with a pagewidth printhead.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §102 - Claims 1 to 7

Claims 1 to 7 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,439,908 to Silverbrook. The Applicant disagrees.

The arrangement shown in Figure 15 of '908 is clearly not a cartridge that has ink storage and a pagewidth printhead. The individual ink cartridges 114 are replaceable, as are the printhead modules 12 in the printhead assemblies 10. However, the intermediate ink reservoir 116, the ink hoses 118 and the supporting structures in the printhead assemblies are permanently mounted in the printer. The ordinary worker would interpret the term 'cartridge' to be a modular unit for insertion within a larger piece of equipment. The printer elements shown in Figure 15 of '908 are clearly not a modular unit.

To emphasize this distinction, amended claim 1 defines the cartridge to have a casing that removably engages a complementary recess in the printer so that the printhead sits adjacent the media feed path. These elements are clearly absent from the '908 disclosure. It follows that '908 fails to anticipate amended claim 1 and therefore the dependent claims 2 to 7 are likewise novel.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 8 to 16

Claims 8 to 16 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,439,908 to Silverbrook in view of US 6,281,912 to Silverbrook. The Applicant disagrees.

The '912 reference also fails to teach or suggest a printer cartridge that includes both an ink reservoir and the pagewidth printhead. Therefore, as claims 8 to 16 are all directly or indirectly dependant on claim 1, '908 and '912 fail to disclose all the elements defined by any of claims 8 to 16.

Accordingly, the cited references do not support a rejection under the provisions of §103.

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It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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